IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Original) A preportioning bag used in food operations wherein a bulk food supply is divided into portions of smaller size, individual portions are located in a bag, and the bag is closed for use at a later date, said bag defining exposed side walls, and printing on at least one side wall, said printing comprising a plurality of separate printed blocks positioned closely adjacent each other, said printing further comprising a reference to each of the seven days of the week, each day of the week being printed within a separate block, and wherein each day of the week is printed in a different color whereby the bags can be marked to establish a date by which the contents should be used.

Claim 7. (Original) A preportioning bag according to claim 6 wherein said days of the week are printed in at least two languages.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A preportioning bag according to system for utilizing preportioning bags as claimed in claim 7 comprising a saddle, a plurality of said bags adapted to be supported on said saddle, and perforation means connecting said bags to said saddle whereby said bags can be torn away from said saddle one at a time prior to locating said portions in a bag.

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Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A <u>preportioning bag according to</u> ~~system for utilizing preportioning bags as claimed in~~ claim 6 comprising a saddle, a plurality of said bags adapted to be supported on said saddle, and perforation means connecting said bags to said saddle whereby said bags can be torn away from said saddle one at a time prior to locating said portions in a bag.

Claim 10. (New) A preportioning bag used in food operations wherein a bulk food supply is divided into portions of smaller size, individual portions are located in a bag, and the bag is closed for use at a later date, said bag defining exposed side walls, and printing on at least one side wall, said printing comprising a plurality of separate printed blocks positioned closely adjacent each other, said printing further comprising a reference to each of the seven days of the week, each day of the week being printed within a separate block, and wherein each day of the week is printed in a different color, each of said separate blocks adapted to be marked by a marking pen whereby the bags can be marked to establish a date by which the contents should be used.

Claim 11. (New) A preportioning bag according to claim 10 wherein said days of the week are printed in at least two languages.

Claim 12. (New) A preportioning bag according to claim 11 comprising a saddle, a plurality of said bags adapted to be supported on said saddle, and perforation means connecting said bags to said saddle whereby said bags can be torn away from said saddle one at a time prior to locating said portions in a bag.

Claim 13. (New) A preportioning bag according to claim 10 comprising a saddle, a plurality of said bags adapted to be supported on said saddle, and perforation means connecting said bags to said saddle whereby said bags can be torn away from said saddle one at a time prior to locating said portions in a bag.

Claim 14. (New) A method for preportioning a bulk food supply comprising the steps of:

a) providing a plurality of bags defining exposed side walls and printing on at least one side wall comprising a plurality of separate printed blocks referencing the seven days of the week, each day of the week being printed within a separate block;

b) dividing the bulk food supply in smaller size, individual portions;

c) placing each of the smaller size, individual portions in a separate one of said plurality of bags; and

d) marking one of said blocks on each of said plurality of bags to establish a date by which contents of each of said plurality of bags should be used.

Claim 15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein each day of the week is printed on the plurality of bags in a different color to facilitate identification of the marked day of the week.

Claim 16. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein step d) is accomplished by using a marking pen.